

**DDRS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**3-7-12**

**PRESENT:** Connie Dillman, Richard Wherry, Mark Flegge, Jessica Wiseman, Rebecca Scherplez, Melody Cooper, Teresa Grossi, John Hill, Julie Bandy and Betty Williams  
**ABSENT:** Chris St. Paul and Tracy Myszak  
**FACILITATOR:** Shane Spotts and Tyson Runkle  
**RECORDER:** Robin M. Stearns, Administrative Secretary II, Provider Relations

ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Previous Minutes	The minutes from the February 8, 2012, meeting was approved as written.	Informational.
Arc Handout	<p>A handout titled “Blueprint for Change” was distributed for review and discussion. The Arc’s Blueprint for Change is a plan to make life better for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like me. To make it happen, it will take all of us—including Self-Advocates. Three ways I can help are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be My Best “Me”</li> <li>• Support My Supports</li> <li>• Money Matters</li> </ul>	The Arc and self-advocates continue to make strides towards independence for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
BDDS Web Portal and Letters	The BDDS Web Portal is now available on the web site, although no formal announcement has been made. The BDDS Web Portal will allow individuals, families, etc., access to the waiver wait list. Access to the wait list will require the individual’s first and last name, last four (4) digits of the social security number or the RID number and date of birth. The wait list will also include the date the waiver application. On Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> letters will be sent to all individuals currently on the wait list. This letter will require a response from the individual to determine if they are still in need of services, correct contact information, etc. If no response is received prior to the deadline, they will be removed from the wait list. In the event, contact is made after the deadline and they are still determined to be eligible for the waiver, their name will return to the original location on the wait list prior to the removal.	<p>The information for the BDDS Web Portal will be posted in the quarterly report in April.</p> <p>The portal will also include contact information for the appropriate local BDDS office.</p>
General Update	The 460 is now in effect through the emergency rule and will be starting the formal process next week. The Support Services waiver section 144 will be adding Personal Assistant Care to increase the CAP and will be submitted by April 1 <sup>st</sup> . The DD waiver will have language changes by May 1 <sup>st</sup> primarily related to reimbursement methodology. By April 1 <sup>st</sup> BDDS staff will begin to do ICAP assessments for all individuals currently living in group homes in order that everyone will have an ALGO score. This will allow everyone in the system to have an equal assessment. Shane announced Greg Jinks has been appointed to the interim Deputy Director position effective immediately. He will be responsible for Vocational Rehab and First Steps.	Informational.

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Family Meetings	Family meetings throughout the state are being scheduled by Ranita Norman. They will be facilitated by a variety of DDRS staffing Shane, Tracy Myszak, Jessica, etc. Staff is utilizing a variety of family centered networks to get this information out to the public.	The first family meeting is scheduled for next week in Fort Wayne.
Next Meeting	The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.	Informational.